

## 1 WRITE ESSAY

- 1. Some people believe the purpose of education is to create future workforce and good members of society. Other people believe the purpose of education is to fulfill people's lives. What do you think is the purpose of education? Give examples from your real world experience or news or from other materials.
- 2. Some people think that people are defined by the place they were born. Use an example of a successful person to explain your opinion about whether the individual's accomplishment were or were not affected by the place they grew up?
- 3. With the right amount of motivation and practice, people can learn anything that the experts teach in the classroom. Do you agree or disagree?
- 4. The world's governments and organizations are facing a lot of issues. Which do you think is the most pressing problem for the inhabitants for our planet and give the solution.
- 5. Some people suggest that each family should only have a car and encourage alternative vehicle. Do you agree or disagree?
- 6. Laws can change people's behavior. Do you agree or disagree?
- 7. When computers first appeared on the scene, it was thought they would make us more productive in providing goods and services, smarter and possibly happier. Skeptics claim that the opposite is true as computers have proved disappointing in terms of productivity, and have made us less happy and more stupid because information is not knowledge. Which of these points of view do you agree with most? Support your argument with reasons and/or examples from your own experience and observations.
- 8. More and more students are studying at universities abroad, either because it is cheaper, or because they feel they can receive a better education, or because it will provide them with greater professional opportunities. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of studying abroad. Support your arguments with reasons and/or examples from your own experience and observations.
- 9. Most people in what are known as the developed nations have homes full of gadgets and labor-saving devices, from vacuum cleaners and dishwashers to the latest in computer technology. Some people claim that despite all these labor-saving devices, we seem to have less free time. In your opinion, has technology improved the quality of life or made it more complicated? Support your arguments with reasons and/or examples from your own experience and observations.

- 10. Schools should prepare students for the university rather than for work, 'How far do you agree with this statement. Support your point of view with reasons and/or examples from your own experience or observations.
- 11. 'Some types of employment are more suitable for men and other types of employment are more appropriate for women.'To what extent do you agree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 12. 'Computer technology has had more of a negative than a positive impact on society. How far do you agree with this statement? Support your views with reasons and/or examples from your own experience.
- 13. 'Nowadays many young people leave home at an early age to either study or work in another city. "Do you think this has more advantages or disadvantages for young people? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 14. What are some of the Pros and Cons of extreme/adventure sports? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 15. Large shopping malls are replacing small shops. What is your opinion on this change? Good or bad. Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your/own experience.
- 16. Nowadays, people spend too much time at work to the extent that they hardly have time for their personal life. Do you agree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 17. Many young people nowadays are imitating celebrities in sports and movies. In your opinion, is this good or bad? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 18. In the past 100 years, there have been many inventions such as antibiotics, airplanes, and computers. Some of the greatest inventions are due to advancements in medicine, science and technology. What do you think is the most important of the advancements?
- 19. Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 20. Some people prefer to spend their holidays in resorts where everything is organized for them and they take little interest in the country they are visiting. Others prefer to travel around the country and to see how the people live, to get to know their customs and traditions and cuisine. Write an essay on which type of foreign travel you think is best for both the tourist and the local community.
- 21. "The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education"- Einstein. What does he mean by that? And do you agree with his statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 22. It is usually foolish to get married before completing your studies and getting established in a good job? Do you agree or disagree? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.

- 23. 'Students should be required to stay in school until the age of eighteen.' To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 24. 'Environmental problems are too great to be managed by individuals so real change can only be achieved at government level.' To what extent do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 25. A company's higher level authorities should get their employees' inputs during decision-making processes. Discuss. Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 26. Communication has changed significantly in the last 10 years. Discuss pros and cons of this change. Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 27. Traveling overseas to study is overrated. We have brilliant scholars who have studied locally. In your opinion, is travel really required for higher studies? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 28. The idea of space travel is fantastic these days and scientists are very fascinated towards it. However, there are many environmental problems in our planet that we should resolve first before considering space travel that would cost a significant sum. What is your opinion? Support your point of view with reasons and examples from your own experience.
- 29. The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn" Alvin Toffle. What do you understand from Alvin's statement? Elaborate on your understanding and support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 30. Do you think that the English Language will continue to remain as the global language despite globalization? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 31. It is said that for some developed countries, tourism may cause some disadvantages. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 32. It is said that learning a new language at an early age is helpful for children. Would it be more positive for their future aspect or will it have some adverse effects instead by learning a new language at an early age. What is your opinion on this? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 33. Has there been any recent invention that you think proved either beneficial or detrimental to the society? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.

- 34. Some people believe that the law changes human behaviour. Do you agree or disagree with the statement? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 35. Do you think that the place where a person was brought up has an influence on his accomplishments? Elaborate on your opinion on whether you agree or disagree with an example of a successful person you know.
- 36. A common marketing strategy for big companies is to introduce various offers and discounts. However, these strategies may have impacts on their reputation. What are some of the impacts? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 37. Parents should be held legally responsible for their children's actions. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 38. Do you think that the rapid development of new technologies in recent years is a boon or curse for societies around the world? What is your opinion on this and support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 39. In the current education system, are assessments through formal written examinations still a valid method of assessing students? What is your opinion on this and support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 40. It seems that nowadays TV has become an essential part of life. For some people, it is medium to spread news & awareness to others whereas for some others, it acts as a companion. What is your opinion on this? Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.
- 41. Many people think that different types of regions affect a person's success. What is your opinion about native regions and the influence that a successful person can have on the native region that he belongs to?
- 42. As a result of advances in medical care. Average life expectancy is increasing for men and women. Do you think most people will see this as a positive development? What are the disadvantages of an ageing population for individuals and society? Support your point of view with reasons and/or examples from your own experience or observations.
- 43. "In a war of ideas, it is people who get killed". Does a common man suffer from a group's ideology? Express your opinion, and support the same with reasons and examples.
- 44. The mass media including TV, Radio and newspaper influence our society and shape our opinions and characters. What is your opinion?
- 45. Age discrimination occurs when a decision is made on the basis of a person's age. In the workplace, these are most often decisions about being employed in the first place, winning promotions or being unfairly dismissed. Should discrimination against older workers be made illegal?

- 46. The claim that animals have "rights" has been the subject of much debate since the 1970s. Are zoos helping or hurting our animals? Should zoos be banned? Do you agree or disagree?
- 47. Team sports are generally promoted as a great way to keep fit and build character. However, sporting events such as soccer matches are often accompanied by violence between rival supporters and other forms of antisocial behavior. If sporting events can lead to antisocial behavior, can team sports really be good for us?



## 2 In Progress

Extreme sports

Repetitive routine

Dangerous activities, do you like it and why?

Marketing strategy for big companies should be placed on offer and discounts, and in what ways this can impact on their reputation.

In education system, assessment through written formal examinations is valid or not. Do you think that formal written examinations are a good way to assess knowledge at school?

Do you think English will remain to be a global language despite globalization?

Imitating celebrities in sports and movies is good or bad?

Some people think placing advertisements in schools is a great resource for public schools that need additional funding, but others think it exploits children by treating them as a captive audience for corporate sponsors. Choose which position you most agree with and discuss why you chose that position. Support your point of view with details from your own experiences, observations or reading.

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The space travel is fantastic these days, but there are many issues, such as environmental problems, on our planet that we should be focusing. What do you think about the money allocation?

In under developed countries, tourism has disadvantages and can be said the opposite as well. What is your opinion?

Large shopping malls are replacing small shops. What is your opinion about this? Discuss with appropriate examples.

Company top-level Authorities should or should not take employees suggestions or ideas to take any decisions. Discuss.

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Information revolution has changed the way of mass communication and had some negative and positive effects on individual lives as well as on society. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

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Any recent Invention that you think proved beneficial or detrimental to society.

In the past 100 years, there are many inventions such as antibiotics, airplanes and computers. What do you think is the most important invent for the past 100 years? Why?

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Climate change and about the roles that Government, Corporate and Individuals can play to improve it.

The environment we are living in is in danger due to various problems. What are the underlying causes? Who do you think should be responsible to solve it? Is it the governments, organization or each individual? What measures?

Do you think consumer should avoid over packed products or it is responsibility of producer to avoid extra packaging of products?" Give your views or any relevant example with your own experience

Parents should be held legally responsible for their children's acts. What is your opinion? Support it with personal examples

Some people believe laws change human behavior. Do you agree with it?

The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education - Einstein. What do you mean by this? And do you think Einstein was correct in saying that.

Value added by travel in Education. Is travel a necessary component of education or not? Will scholar sitting at home have more knowledge than one who travels?

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Illiterate of the future would not be one who does not know to read, but people who do not know how to learn. Agree or disagree?

It is argued that getting married before finishing school or getting a job is not a good choice. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Learning a new language at an early age is helpful for children. Is it more positive for their future aspect or have some adverse effects. Do u agree or disagree? Give examples from your experience.

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